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COLD STORAGE REPORT

AS OF MAY 1, 1939

The seasonal into-storage movement of eggs continued during April with a net gain in stocks of 2,242,000 cases of shell eggs and 28,313,000 pounds of frozen egg meats or a total case-equivalent increase from April 1 of 3,051,000. This total case equivalent is 631,000 less than on May 1, 1938, and 212,000 below the 5-year (1934-38) average for May 1. The net increase compares with 2,456,000 cases for the April period a year ago and 3,285,000 cases for the April 5-year average.

The movement of manufactured dairy products during April was the reverse of normal. Stocks of creamery butter were reduced by 8,048,000 pounds, which compares with an increase during April 1938 of 5,197,000 pounds and a 5-year average into-storage gain of 275,000 pounds. The Dairy Products Marketing Association holdings were reduced by 8,454,000 pounds and the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation and relief stocks by 1,846,000. Commercial stocks were increased by 2,252,000 pounds.

Holdings of cheese indicated net withdrawals of 6,305,000 pounds during the month. May 1 holdings were 941,000 pounds below those of a year earlier but 5,934,000 in excess of the 5-year average for the date.

Cold storage stocks of apples were reduced by 4,438,000 bushels. May 1 holdings, which totaled 4,701,000 bushels, were 1,078,000 bushels below those of May 1 a year ago but exceeded the 5-year average by 424,000.

Total frozen fruits were withdrawn from storage to the extent of 15,220,000 pounds, and stocks on hand May 1, 1939, were approximately 19,000,000 less than those of a year earlier.

The reduction in stocks of frozen vegetables was 3,910,000 pounds. May 1 holdings this year were 25,551,000 greater than on the same date last year.

Frozen poultry stocks continued to show about normal seasonal withdrawals. May 1 stocks, totaling 70,580,000 pounds, were 10,527,000 pounds less than on May 1, 1938, and 7,522,000 less than the 5-year average.

The net reduction in stocks of total frozen and cured meats was relatively slight during April, the May 1 holdings being only 1,736,000 pounds less than April 1. They exceeded those of a year ago by 20,635,000 pounds but were 98,878,000 below the 5-year average for May 1. Stocks of lard were approximately the same as a month ago.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

FRESH FRUITS

Cold storage stocks of apples on hand May 1 were the equivalent of 4,701,000 bushels. This quantity is 1,078,000 bushels less than on hand May 1 last year but 424,000 bushels more than the 5-year (1934-38) average.

Total holdings of all varieties of pears were reduced to 66,000 boxes and baskets compared with 73,000 on the same date last year and with the 5-year average of 66,000 boxes and baskets.

FROZEN FRUITS

Total stocks of frozen fruits, both quick-freeze and cold-packed as reported in cold storage on May 1, totaled 75,940,000 pounds, a reduction during April of 15,220,000 pounds. Of the total May 1 stocks, 16,860,000 pounds were reported as unclassified. The indicated segregation of holdings by large and small containers is given in a table on page 7.

FROZEN VEGETABLES

Stocks of frozen vegetables on hand May 1 were 47,383,000 pounds, indicating net withdrawals during April of 3,910,000 pounds. May 1 holdings were 25,551,000 pounds heavier than on the same date a year ago. Of the May 1 quantity reported on hand, 4,093,000 pounds were unclassified.

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Meats (cured and frozen) and Lard, page 5.

Special tables of cold storage holdings, by States or geographic divisions of the country, are included for apples (page 8); cream, butter, American cheese, eggs and poultry (page 6); frozen poultry, by classes (page 7) and frozen fruits, by container-size (page 7).

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Commodity	May 1, 5-yr. av. 1934-38	May 1, 1938	April 1, 1939	May 1, 1939
- Thousands -				
FRUITS, FRESH				
Apples.....barrels.....	58	32	26	9
Apples.....western boxes	2,258	2,318	4,972	2,603
Apples.....bushels <u>1</u> /...	1,845	3,365	4,089	2,071
TOTAL APPLES.....bushels.....	4,277	5,779	9,139	4,701
Pears, Bartletts.....packed boxes.		2	4	2
Pears, Bartletts.....loose boxes..		1	1	-
Pears, all others.....boxes.....	61	67	215	59
Pears.....baskets (bu.)	5	3	15	5
FRUITS, FROZEN <u>2</u> /				
Blackberries <u>3</u> /.....pounds.....	Data		1,722	1,407
Blueberries.....".....	for	6,531	4,706	4,176
Cherries.....".....	these	15,503	13,108	11,049
Logan and similar berries <u>3</u> / ".....	earlier		2,356	2,681
Raspberries <u>3</u> /.....".....	years		5,867	5,198
Strawberries.....".....	not	20,166	25,755	22,006
Other fruits.....".....	compara-	<u>4</u> / 52,898	19,716	12,563
Classification not reported <u>3</u> / ".....	ble		17,930	16,860
TOTAL.....".....	54,270	95,098	91,160	75,940
VEGETABLES, FROZEN				
Asparagus <u>3</u> /.....pounds.....			2,554	2,928
Beans, Lima.....".....	His-	3,444	10,309	9,564
Beans, snap.....".....	torical	1,628	4,875	4,697
Broccoli, green <u>3</u> /.....".....	data		1,081	1,035
Corn, sweet.....".....	not	1,823	5,428	5,063
Peas, green.....".....	avail-	6,700	17,144	15,378
Spinach.....".....	ble	1,925	2,787	2,547
Other vegetables.....".....	<u>4</u> /	6,312	2,027	2,078
Classification not reported <u>3</u> / ".....			5,088	4,093
TOTAL.....".....		21,832	51,293	47,383

1/ Includes baskets and Eastern boxes or crates.

2/ See also table on page 7 showing reported segregation by method of processing, i.e., "Quick freeze" and "cold pack".

3/ Data for this item prior to July 1, 1938, included under "other".

4/ Includes items designated by note 3/.

Stocks of creamery butter decreased during April by a little more than 8,000,000 pounds. During April a year ago there was heavy into-storage movement, the net result being an increase in stocks of 5,200,000 pounds. Normally, the April movement results in a moderate excess of receipts over withdrawals, the net into-storage movement for the 5-year period 1934-38 averaging 275,000 pounds. Dairy Products Marketing Association holdings decreased to the extent of 8,454,000 pounds during this period, Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation and relief holdings were reduced by 1,846,000, but commercial stocks increased by 2,252,000 pounds. Total stocks of butter exceeded those of a year ago by 50,717,000 pounds and exceeded the 5-year average by 61,049,000. Commercial stocks were 11,338,000 pounds less than on May 1, 1938, and 1,006,000 less than the 5-year average.

Stocks of American cheese were 2,897,000 pounds below those of the same date last year but 4,687,000 greater than the 5-year average.

The seasonal into-storage movement of eggs indicated a net increase of 2,242,000 cases of shell eggs and 28,313,000 pounds of frozen eggs. Shell egg holdings were 143,000 cases above those of May 1 last year but 491,000 less than the 5-year average. Frozen egg stocks of 88,778,000 pounds were 27,096,000 pounds below those of a year ago but 9,743,000 pounds in excess of the 5-year average.

Net withdrawals of frozen poultry totaled 20,407,000 pounds. May 1 holdings of 70,580,000 pounds were 10,527,000 pounds heavier than those of a year earlier and 7,522,000 above the 5-year average. The out-of-storage movement during April was close to normal.

Commodity	May 1, 5-yr. av. 1934-38	May 1, 1938	April 1, 1939	May 1, 1939
- Thousands -				
CREAM				
Forty percent.....40-qt.-cans	51	59	59	71
Twenty percent....." "	4	1	-	-
BUTTER				
Creamery, total.....pounds.....	9,812	20,144	78,909	70,861
DPMA holdings....."			65,313	56,859
FSCC & relief holdings....."			7,042	5,196
Commercial stocks....."			6,554	8,806
Packing stock....."		231	48	13
CHEESE				
American....."	58,183	65,767	68,812	62,870
Swiss including block....."	4,046	2,852	4,389	3,704
Brick and Munster....."	708	497	481	668
Limburger....."	585	282	551	588
All other varieties....."	5,892	6,891	7,420	7,518
TOTAL CHEESE....."	69,414	76,289	81,653	75,348
EGGS				
Shell.....cases.....	3,838	3,204	1,105	3,347
Frozen.....pounds.....	79,035	115,874	60,465	88,778
Frozen 1/.....equivalent cases.....	2,258	3,311	1,728	2,537
TOTAL EGGS 2/.....cases.....	6,096	6,515	2,833	5,884
FROZEN POULTRY 3/				
Broilers.....pounds.....	6,719	4,651	7,414	5,767
Fryers....."	5,876	5,286	9,232	6,587
Roasters....."	14,948	11,962	20,908	15,522
Fowls....."	8,054	11,300	13,970	10,901
Turkeys....."	16,540	14,743	22,368	17,835
Ducks....."	983	1,458	1,455	1,090
Miscellaneous poultry....."	9,938	10,653	15,640	12,878
TOTAL FROZEN POULTRY... "	63,058	60,053	90,987	70,580

1/ Frozen eggs are converted on the basis of 35 pounds to the case.

2/ SPECIAL NOTE: 81 percent of total frozen eggs reported as of May 1, 1939, were classified as follows: Whites - 34 percent; Yolks - 21 percent; and Mixed - 45 percent.

3/ A breakdown of frozen poultry items by geographic divisions will be found on page 7.

Total stocks of all frozen and cured meats remained about stationary, there being a drop of only approximately 2,000,000 pounds from April 1 to the 627,000,000 reported on May 1, 1939.

Holdings of frozen and cured beef were reduced by 4,200,000 pounds during April. The 36,749,000 pounds in storage on May 1, were about 3,400,000 pounds less than on hand May 1 last year, and 31,400,000 below the 5-year average (1934-38).

Frozen and cured pork stocks (526,000,000 pounds on May 1) indicated a net increase during the month of approximately 3,000,000 pounds and were about 26,500,000 pounds heavier than a year ago but 61,000,000 below the 5-year average.

The change in lard stocks during April was relatively insignificant. May 1 holdings of 129,214,000 pounds were about 7,300,000 heavier than on May 1, 1938, but about 10,000,000 lighter than the 5-year average.

Commodity	May 1, 5-yr.av. 1934-38	May 1, 1938	April 1, 1939	May 1, 1939
- Thousand pounds -				
BEEF				
Frozen.....	49,496	29,481	26,844	23,574
In process of cure.....	11,537	8,165	10,076	9,244
Cured.....	7,159	2,499	4,050	3,931
TOTAL BEEF.....	68,192	40,145	40,970	36,749
PORK				
Frozen.....	185,911	167,167	213,792	208,829
Dry salt in process of cure.....	43,564	41,097	44,687	48,470
Dry salt cured.....	44,581	39,507	31,617	33,193
Pickled in process of cure.....	177,545	137,215	144,297	146,441
Pickled cured.....	135,457	115,578	88,811	89,077
TOTAL PORK.....	587,058	500,564	523,204	526,010
LAMB AND MUTTON				
Frozen.....	2,558	2,121	2,412	2,055
TRIMMINGS AND EDIBLE OFFAL				
Frozen and cured.....	68,430	63,895	62,510	62,546
TOTAL MEATS.....	726,238	606,725	629,096	627,360
LARD.....	139,054	121,890	129,252	129,214

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS, MAY 1, 1939

By States, for Specified Commodities

State	Cream (40-qt. cans)	Butter Lbs.	American cheese Lbs.	Eggs Cases	Frozen eggs Lbs.	Total poultry Lbs.
- Thousands -						
Massachusetts.....		428	1,912	58	1,637	4,077
Other states.....		837	236	12	450	364
NEW ENGLAND.....		1,265	2,148	70	2,087	4,441
New York.....	50	9,282	7,425	270	6,907	15,802
New Jersey.....	2	22,749	2,730	256	5,547	6,329
Pennsylvania.....	3	1,365	955	172	4,535	3,306
MIDDLE ATLANTIC....		33,396	11,110	688	16,989	25,437
Ohio.....	11	373	412	167	2,654	749
Indiana.....		58	1	26	1,686	669
Illinois.....		32,038	3,335	812	13,158	15,699
Michigan.....		289	962	90	1,025	1,201
Wisconsin.....		112	34,795	46	504	468
EAST N. CENTRAL....		32,870	39,505	1,141	19,027	18,786
Minnesota.....		218	368	129	2,010	2,658
Iowa.....		33	15	60	3,435	1,339
Missouri.....		330	597	187	13,475	3,863
Nebraska.....		120	474	62	1,336	3,647
Kansas.....		41	92	118	4,653	154
Dakotas.....		45	-	2	-	2
WEST N. CENTRAL....		787	1,546	558	24,909	11,663
SOUTH ATLANTIC.....		1,009	1,478	57	2,420	1,372
Kentucky.....		6	91	17	1,316	270
Tennessee.....		189	41	124	1,805	165
Alabama & Mississippi.		13	68	21	309	37
EAST S. CENTRAL....		208	200	162	3,430	472
Oklahoma.....		124	5	33	4,981	91
Texas.....		277	1,328	76	7,868	130
Arkansas & Louisiana..		54	97	31	1,558	134
WEST S. CENTRAL....		455	1,430	140	14,407	355
Colorado.....		239	609	61	328	228
Other states.....		22	1,328	51	144	88
MOUNTAIN.....		261	1,937	112	472	316
Washington.....		70	315	106	585	1,356
Oregon.....		19	722	48	337	1,317
California.....		521	2,479	295	4,115	5,065
PACIFIC.....		610	3,516	449	5,037	7,738
Other states, combined for cream only.....	5					
UNITED STATES.....	71	70,861	62,870	3,347	88,778	70,580

FROZEN POULTRY IN COLD STORAGE, BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS

Classified by Varieties

Geographic division	May 1, 1939						
	Broilers	Fryers	Roasters	Fowls	Turkeys	Ducks	Miscellaneous
	- Thousand pounds -						
New England.....	174	151	1,698	406	1,797	11	204
Middle Atlantic...	1,221	924	6,361	4,344	6,537	330	5,720
East North Central	1,299	4,700	4,147	3,719	1,797	523	2,601
West North Central	2,567	552	2,421	1,404	1,647	64	3,008
South Atlantic....	36	30	352	94	476	80	304
East South Central	28	43	112	97	45	12	135
West South Central	2	-	8	136	107	6	96
Mountain.....	43	7	8	35	97	2	124
Pacific.....	397	180	415	666	5,332	62	686
UNITED STATES..	5,767	6,587	15,522	10,901	17,835	1,090	12,878

FROZEN FRUITS IN COLD STORAGE ^{1/}

APRIL 1 AND MAY 1, 1939

Commodity	In small containers (Less than 30 lb. capacity)		In bulk or large containers (30 lb. or greater capacity)	
	April 1	May 1	April 1	May 1
	- Thousand pounds -			
Blackberries.....	180	357	1,542	1,050
Blueberries.....	1,085	1,015	3,621	3,161
Cherries.....	1,463	2,059	11,645	8,990
Logan and similar berries..	448	667	1,908	2,014
Raspberries.....	891	857	4,976	4,341
Strawberries.....	9,442	7,893	16,313	14,113
Other fruits.....	5,556	3,625	14,160	8,938
Classification not reported	4,814	2,447	13,116	14,413
TOTAL.....	23,879	18,920	67,281	57,020

^{1/} See "Frozen Fruits" on page 2 and in table on page 3.

NOTE: Beginning April 1, 1939, warehousemen were asked to report their holdings of frozen fruits on the basis of small and large-size containers, instead of by the previous method of attempting to segregate the quick-frozen and cold-packed holdings. Indications are that most of the storage operators have shifted their reports to the new basis, but it may be several months before the container segregation can be considered productive of fully dependable results for the detailed classifications.

APPLE HOLDINGS IN COLD STORAGE, BY STATES

State	May 1, 1939				May 1, 1938
	Barrels	Western boxes	Baskets	Total bushels	Total bushels
- <u>Thousands</u> -					
Massachusetts.....	-	12	14	26	131
New York.....	-	19	630	649	1,155
New Jersey.....	-	5	254	259	262
Pennsylvania.....	-	18	151	169	276
Ohio.....	-	17	67	84	179
Indiana.....	-	4	15	19	18
Illinois.....	-	20	177	197	312
Michigan.....	-	2	205	207	160
Wisconsin.....	-	7	11	18	29
Minnesota.....	-	34	2	36	39
Missouri.....	-	27	53	80	98
Virginia.....	9	7	395	429	787
West Virginia.....	-	-	28	28	51
Texas.....	-	25	-	25	52
Washington.....	-	1,735	-	1,735	1,533
Oregon.....	-	140	-	140	52
California.....	-	488	-	488	398
Other States.....	-	43	69	112	247
UNITED STATES...	9	2,603	2,071	4,701	5,779